

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

AUGUST 19, 2014

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Unsafe Hearing Board of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Members, Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, and Ron Jarman answered roll call. Dr. John Williams was not present. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING: 127 West 7th Street, 215 West 8th Street - Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing.

127 W 7th – Jenkins said during a storm a large branch was struck by lightning and caused the sidewalk to be blocked. The carport on the east side of the house has a hole in the roof. On the south side of the house there is a distinct bulge in the wall near the foundation. There is also an issue with trash and high grass. Jenkins said the tree is leaning and the sidewalk is bulging. He said the tree needs to be removed. The grass has been mowed. Notice was sent and Jenkins spoke to the owner. The owner stated that 10 days was not sufficient time to remedy all of the issues.

Kathy Bussberg, the owner, was present. She said she would like to take care of the problems on the property. She is having difficulty getting things done due to her husband being sick. She said the sidewalk was like this 25 years ago. The neighbors have been putting their trash on the property. She said she will fix the carport roof and will make repairs to the building. She said she is having a problem getting the tree taken down due to the way it is leaning.

Jenkins said she needs to start by removing the trash and fixing the roof on the carport. He suggested talking to a contractor regarding the bulging wall to make sure it is feasible and the repair is correct and safe. He suggested that we review at the next meeting.

215 W 8th - The City is in the process of gaining rights to the property and then it will be demolished. Cameron made a motion to assess a \$500.00 per week fine to rectify the offenses stated by Code Enforcement. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

McGowan made a motion to close the public hearing. Jarman seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Minutes of the July 15, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. Jarman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Pavey said 332 North Perkins also appears to getting materials skimmed off of the residence. Jenkins said he will send notice to remove the rest of the materials. The house is vacant, the yard is mowed, and there is no trash accumulating. Cameron said it is also in the historic district.

CITIZEN CONCERNS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **210 N. Harrison** – A letter was sent ordering to take the structure down by the 19th. Structure has been removed, but there are still floor joists in place. Cameron moved to table until the next meeting. Jarman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **115-117 West 7th Street** – The structure has not been removed. The deadline was July 15th. Jenkins is sending a letter advising the owner has 15 days to remove any materials he wants from the property. He will also be notified that all vehicles remaining on the property will be tagged and removed.
3. **215 West 8th Street** - Cameron made a motion to assess \$500.00 a week fine for non-compliance with Code Enforcement orders. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Blight Program Inspections** – Jenkins has scored 10 properties using their survey site. They have been sent to ARa. Jenkins said he plans to complete the remain 3 or 4 properties this week.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Jarman seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.